

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**June 22, 2017**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman at Large  
Ira E. Coward, Vice-Chairman, District 2  
Skeets Cooper, District 3  
Doug Barnes, District 5  
Carroll W. Joye, District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

James Stephens, Executive Director  
Paul Werts, Program Manager  
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary  
Melody Mikell, Finance Director

**Visitors**

Ken Holt, Holt Consulting  
Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Harmon  
Steve Gould, SCAA President/Rock Hill Airport Manager  
Aaron Bushelle – Rock Hill Airport, Intern  
Dan McManus

**Commission Member(s) Absent**

George P. Waters, District 1  
District 4 - Vacant  
District 7 - Vacant

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone, and *Commissioner Joye* gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the April 20, 2017, Commission meeting and asked if anyone had edits or corrections. The minutes were approved as written.

**Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports**

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of May 31, 2017, for the FY 2016-2017, showing an ending cash balance of \$554,589. The State Aviation Fund has received an additional \$379,524.45 bringing the annual State Aviation Fund revenue to \$1,639,167.04 and total available funds for airport projects of \$7,863,196.40. As of May 31, 2017, there has been no additional funds related to the Airline Property Tax added to the total available funds for airport projects. The total commitments of the State Aviation Fund were \$7,334,172.60 leaving \$529,023.80 available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens presented the proposed State Aviation Fund budget for FY 2017-2018. The State Aviation Fund will have an anticipated \$5,400,000.00 beginning balance with projected revenues of \$4,235,000.00 from fuel taxes, a one time appropriation, a general fund recurring appropriation, and the airline property tax. The prior year commitments of \$4,197,498.34 with the projected revenues, leaves a projected \$5,437,501.66 for state grant and aid programs. *Commissioner Coward* made the Motion to approve the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget as presented., *Commissioner Joye* seconded, and after discussions, all approved.

Mr. Stephens gave the Director's Report and Legislative Updates. During the past several months, Mr. Stephens has continued the meetings concerning the future of the State Aviation Fund and how it will impact the state's airports. Along with meetings with airports, he has attended the Greenwood Aviation Expo and other educational events. In preparation for the remaining summer he discussed the upcoming SC Aerospace Conference & Expo (August 29-31, 2017) being held in Columbia, and the participation of SCAC.

**Airport Development**

Mr. Paul Werts presented the Commission with updates on the ongoing projects that are currently being financially supported by the SCAC. Mr. Werts reported that the System Plan is still in the information gathering stage, and that there will be a meeting during the South Carolina Aerospace Conference & Expo with the system plan committee members. In addition to the information provided in Mr. Werts report, there were two grants which needed to be considered for amendment. *Commissioner Coward* made a Motion to approve the amended funding for the two projects as presented. *Commissioner Barnes* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

AIRPORT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FAA GRANT	LOCAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Rock Hill - York County Airport	Grant Amendment - Rehabilitate and Fillet Widen the Taxiways	\$218,160	\$12,120	\$12,120	\$242,400
Spartanburg Downtown Airport	Grant Amendment - Greenville Branch Watershed Mitigation Site Service Fees	\$972,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$1,080,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,190,160</b>	<b>\$66,120</b>	<b>\$66,120</b>	<b>\$1,322,400</b>

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**District Reports**

**Commissioner Coward** – Reported that the Aiken Municipal Airport has begun their pavement rejuvenation project and should be finished within approximately thirty days.

**Commissioner Barnes** – Reported that on November 15 and 16, 2017, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division will be conducting an exercise called GridEx IV which is an exercise that will simulate a cyber/physical attack on the electric grid and other critical infrastructure across North America.

**Commissioner Cooper** – Reported that he has been contacting the airports in his district and has been receiving positive responses on the work of the Commission. He also attended the Greenwood Airshow, June 10<sup>th</sup>, of which he stated that Rossie Corwon was positive about the good turnout.

**Commissioner Joye** – Reported that the City of Orangeburg is considering selling some of the airport property. This discussion has been stalled at this time.

**New/Other Business**

Ken Holt of Holt Consulting gave an update on the 2018 Legislative Strategy meeting that took place on June 8, 2017. This meeting was the beginning of the determination of what efforts need to be addressed in order to make aviation in South Carolina a more wide spread topic within the Legislative and budget areas. Additional meetings will be held as the new fiscal year begins.

Dan McManus (formerly the state Search and Rescue coordinator) reported that the United States Coast Guard is considering relocating their aviation division to Savannah, Georgia. The presentation contained a report that Mr. McManus has been preparing in order to communicate the need for South Carolina to retain the United States Coast Guard on the coastline of South Carolina and to illustrate the impact if relocated to Georgia.

**Chairman Gantt** announced the next Commission meeting will be held on August 30, 2017 at the South Carolina Aerospace Conference & Expo, Columbia, South Carolina.

**Chairman Gantt** presented Dr. Gerald Harmon, former Commissioner District 7 and Mr. Carroll Joye, retiring Commissioner District 6, each with a token of appreciation for their representation on the Aeronautics Commission for their respective terms.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business; **Chairman Gantt** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Cooper** seconded, and all approved.


**Executive Session** – Upon the conclusion of the regular meeting, **Chairman Gantt** requested an Executive Session. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

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Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

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Ira E. Coward  
Commission Vice-Chairman



Ericka D. Thomas  
Commission Recording Secretary

August 30, 2017 Date

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